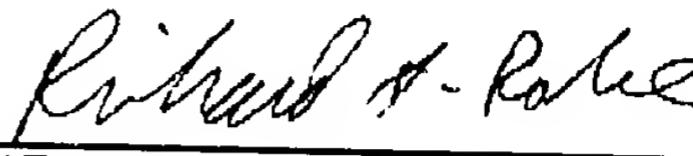


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2002. Attached is a request for a two month extension of time to extend the period for reply to October 16, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please add new claim 30 as follows:

-- 30. (New) A method of brewing malt beverages comprising the steps of preparing a hot wort; cooling the hot wort; and fermenting the cooled wort to produce a fermented malt beverage,